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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2006, Applicants hereby request reconsideration based on the following comments.

At the outset, Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended by Examiner Mitchell to Applicants' representative during a personal interview conducted on October 25, 2006. The substance of the personal interview is discussed below.

In the Office Action, claims 36-42 and 65-67 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Lang (DE 100 451 83) in view of Kopacko et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,467,483). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants appreciate the acknowledgement that Lang fails to teach or suggest a generally trapezoidal surface. In order to make up for these deficiencies, the Office Action relies

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